

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights**October 5, 2007**

The Technical Committee met on Friday, October 5 at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on October 17.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was updated on the Draft Call for Projects and the accelerated schedule for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2008 Financially Constrained Long- Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee recommended that the TPB approve the Call for Projects document.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the draft evaluation of the Transportation/Land Use Connections (TLC) Pilot Program and on a proposed amendment to the FY 2008 UPWP to implement the second year of the program. The Committee recommended that the TPB approve the amendment.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The I-95 Corridor Coalition's executive director briefed the Committee on the coalition's activities of interest to the Washington region, including the Mid-Atlantic Rail Operations (MAROps) study Phase I identification of railroad capacity issues and a new Phase II MAROps study, as well as a new Strategic Vision Study for the I-95 Corridor.

- TPB agenda Item 10

Staff briefed the Committee on the Texas Transportation Institute's 2007 Urban Mobility Report which used 2005 data to estimate congestion and average peak period travel time delay for 437 of the nation's urban areas.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee reviewed an initial draft of the FY 2008-2013 TIP and was updated on the status of the air quality conformity analysis of the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP. The Committee was also briefed on a public meeting on the TIP to be held in conjunction with the CAC meeting on October 11.

- TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee reviewed a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) that identifies the responsibilities of TPB, state DOTs and public transportation operators for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. The Committee provided comments on the MOU, and some members that operate public transit systems said that the MOU would be reviewed by their legal staff.

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff updated the Committee on development of TPB responses to the

Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) resolutions presented to the TPB on September 20, 2006, which delineate FAMPO's policies with respect to the allocation and sharing of FTA formula funds for the Washington urbanized area. Staff reported that some suggested language changes to the draft TPB response to FAMPO were received the afternoon before the Technical Committee meeting from the Northern Virginia jurisdictions. It was agreed that TPB staff, WMATA staff and Northern Virginia staff would work to develop final language for the draft letter.

- In response to the September request from the Regional Bus Subcommittee to identify funding for a region-wide on-board bus survey, staff reviewed a plan to conduct a region-wide bus survey and presented a draft amendment to the FY 2008 UPWP to fund the survey. The Committee will review the amendment in November.
- The final planning regulations require that TPB procedures for an administrative modification or an amendment to the CLRP and TIP between scheduled periodic updates be consistent with DDOT, MDOT and VDOT procedures and be documented. Staff reviewed the draft procedures with the Committee.
- The scheduled briefing on regional transportation safety planning activities and on a draft of the Safety Element of the 2007 CLRP was deferred to a special Technical Committee meeting on October 26. At this meeting the Committee will review the activities and documentation required to address the final planning requirements for the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP.
- The scheduled briefing on information developed to date for the draft Congestion Management Process for the 2007 CLRP was deferred to the special meeting on October 26.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - October 5, 2007**

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 Prince George's Co. Aaron Overman
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 Fairfax Co. Tom Biesiadny
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 Loudoun Co. Art Smith
 Manassas -----
 Prince William Co. Monica Backmon
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